Governor's Vision for Reform

Focus on the needs of our youth while ensuring public safety.





Youth Services

Office of Youth Development Strategic Plan

2006-2011



Purpose of Strategic Plan

- Planning for reform and results
- Planning for change
- Building accountability
- > Tracking progress
- Building good management



New Vision and Mission

VISION

Youth Services is a quality system of care assisting youth, along with their families, in redirecting their lives toward responsible citizenship.

MISSION

Youth Services provides at-risk and delinquent youth the opportunity to become responsible and productive citizens using partnerships with families, communities, and other entities with emphasis on the safety of youth and the public.

Beliefs and Values

We Believe

- all youth are unique, valuable individuals who are worthy of respect and kindness;
- all youth are capable of learning and making healthy decisions;
- all youth should have a safe environment in which to live, grow and learn; furthermore

We Value

- the commitment, expertise and professionalism of our staff;
- the families, the community, and other partnerships who instill productive and positive changes in our youth;
- the continued safety and care of the youth and public of Louisiana.



The Planning Process

- ➤ Convened Youth Services Staff, Missouri Consultants, and Casey Partners
- **▶** Reviewed 2002 Public Hearing Reports
- Involved Partners
- **► Invited Stakeholder Participation**
- ➤ Re-convened Youth Services Staff, Missouri Consultants, and Casey Partners





Our Partners

- ➤ Missouri Division of Youth Services & Missouri Youth Services Institute
- **▶ The Annie E. Casey Foundation**
- **► John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation**



Stakeholder Outreach Meetings

- ▶ 10 meetings across Louisiana
- > 50 workgroups
- Over 1600 participants
- Valuable insight into the reform effort
- Development of the strategic plan





Safety First means that Youth Services values the safety of the youth placed in our care and the staff that provide services to them. This includes having a workforce focused on the rehabilitative needs of our youth. We believe that safety is the foundation and prerequisite for treatment. We promote a safe environment for our youth, families, and communities.



Initiative Two: Family Involvement

At Youth Services, we encourage and support productive family participation in rehabilitation for youth placed in our care. Our investment in youth and families today strengthens families tomorrow.



Establishing a quality seamless continuum of care means developing partnerships between families, employees, natural supports, and community agencies in a statewide continuum of services which address the needs of youth and their families.



Initiative Four: Community Involvement/Partnership

Partnering with the community affords our youth the opportunity to belong and contribute, to form close relationships, make meaningful choices, develop transferable skills, and mentor others



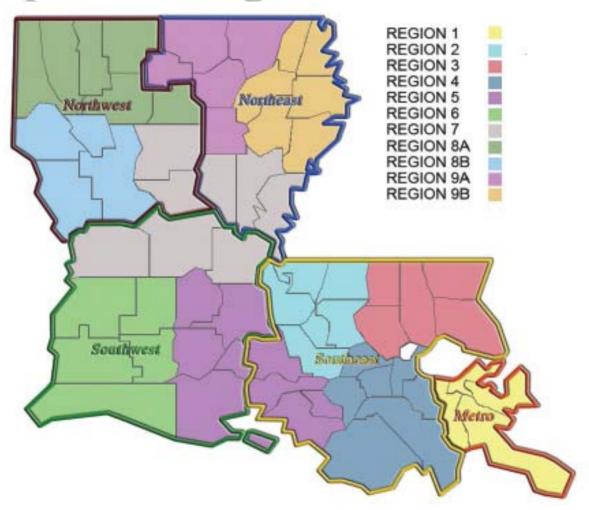


Initiative Five: Data Driven Outcomes

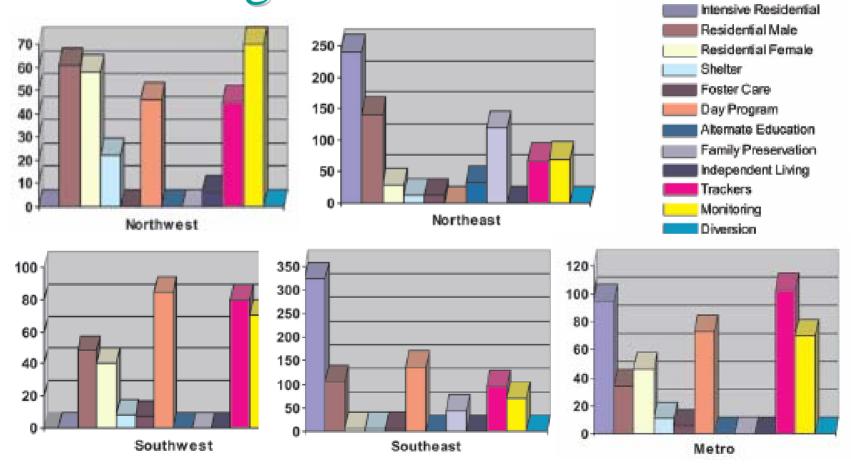
Youth Services values evidence-based practices that promote measurable outcomes and quality services. We are committed to accurately reporting information that "tells the story" about the children we serve. We support advances in information technology to improve data resources and information sharing internally and externally.



Proposed Regionalization Plan



Placement Opportunities by Regional Service Area





- Youth Services Staff
- Parents and Family of Youth
- ➤ Juvenile Justice Implementation Commission
- Legislators
- **Partners**
- Stakeholders

Website Updates

Regional Stakeholder Comments

The written responses we received have been summarized by general categories for each initiative. From the summary, you can see where important concepts were highlighted for each initiative. Also included are the actual written comments we received from stakeholders in each region. Comments have been grouped by general categories to get an idea where the majority of the comments were focused. Click below on the Initiative Summary and Comments you would like to review.

Louisiana's Juvenile Justice

Initiative One: Safety First

Initiative Two: Family Involvement

Reforms

Initiative Three: Quality Seamless Continuum of Care

Letter to New Orleans Area

Initiative Four: Community Involvement & Partnership

Regional Stakeholder Outreach Meetings

Initiative Five: Data-driven Outcomes

Comment Form - Click here to download the Comment Form if you were unable to attend a Stakeholder meeting and would like to contribute your thoughts/ideas.

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